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3. As NICOLA was eager to discuss political problems of the Rumanian emigration and as UNISON, on the one hand, figured that by appearing to be interested in these problems he would avoid suspicion for other activities, and, on the other hand, had been irritated by the latest articles published in the PATRIA (by NICULA and GHEORGHE), he allowed himself to be led into the discussion.

NICOLAE immediately plunged into a long tirade, saying in essence that:

a. He could not understand why General RADESCU had been sidetracked.

b. He could not comprehend why King MICHAEL had allowed himself to be prompted by royal household advisers to make such mistakes as endorsing RADESCU's sidetracking. . . .

d. If King MICHAEL did not take into consideration the trends of public opinion both among the refugees and in Rumania, he undermined his own position which would ultimately lead to the destruction of the throne. Information reaching Germany from Rumania showed that the whole country supported the King and RADESCU.

e. The mis-management of the Rumanian fund by VISOLANU And GRETZIANU had caused a public scandal which could no longer be tolerated. . .

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h. Thinking again of the fund, which is apparently viewed as a bête noire by many Rumanian refugees and especially by the GHEORGHE group,

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NICOLA added that it is being used up exclusively by VISOIANU and CRETZIANU who consistently refuse to see the needs of the Rumanian emigrants and to consider distributing aid. RADESCU, according to him, had done his best to help, with whatever sums he could lay his hands on, and had assisted groups of emigrants, but the other two men had consistently turned a deaf ear to all requests for aid, regardless of their urgency.

4. In answer to what [] considered aberrations, he told NICOLA that:

He had read the last issue of PATRIA which reflected almost everything that NICOLA had said. He had been appalled especially by the painful anti-monarchic attitude of a former Rumanian general who had been a Nazi collaborationist, who had attacked RADESCU bitterly and who presently, surrounded by a handful of totally isolated and unknown persons, claimed to express a current of opinion. To [] knowledge, the information which NICOLA claimed to have received from Rumania was not true. It was common knowledge that RADESCU's popularity in Rumania was slight in comparison with that commanded by MICHAEL and if the people there knew that Radescu was opposing MICHAEL and was trying to build himself up against MICHAEL, that slight popularity would instantly turn into wrath. [] thought that all Rumanian refugees who were real patriots should support King MICHAEL and the Rumanian National Committee, instead of providing the Western Powers with a disgusting spectacle of disunity, caused by base individual ambitions, interests and aims.

The PATRIA had proved to be irresponsible, biased, unpatriotic and to lack any documentation in attacking the Armistice and those who had concluded it, the Western Allies implicitly and even directly, in attacking RADESCU, the Rumanian National Committee, the King, besides the real foes, i. e. the Legionaries.

Lately, all of a sudden, the PATRIA had decided to support RADESCU, not because of any principles involved, but merely because he had promised its support. He reminded NICOLA that not too long ago, General GHEORGHE considered RADESCU a "good for nothing" (secatura), "the man who in his army career could earn nothing and whatever he got was given him by process verbal," "a senile old man who had been promoted to a Lt. Generalcy twenty years after he had been pensioned off from the army (ex officio," etc. This was the man, according to GHEORGHE's own words, whom GHEORGHE suddenly supported to head the Rumanian National Committee, against the King's recommendations, after he had possibly proved to be inept for that position.

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